



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

12th July 2024

Goodness me, it's our last newsletter! Angus and I have loved our 8 years at Gosden – Angus grew up here. It has been an eventful few years - mostly wonderful, with plenty of challenge too. I took this job because I fell in love with the school – the grounds and the charming building of course, but more the children and the staff who take such good care of them.

As we move towards a change of leadership at Gosden, I would acknowledge that some of you will be excited about it, some will be apprehensive. Please be reassured that every head who has worked at Gosden has chosen this school for the same reasons as all the staff. We work here because Gosden is a school which cares about its children: that will continue, as long as Gosden continues to have the wonderful children and young people it has.

Education needs to be creative, fun and child centred. In a polarised world, this is one thing we can all agree on, so please continue to support each other and the dedicated, expert staff who give 110% for your children.

I am not going very far, and I intend to continue my mission to keep education fit for children – an enjoyable and fulfilling childhood, preparing young people to live happy, meaningful lives.

Cindy

Cindy O'Sullivan, Head



DATES FOR THE DIARY

15th July – PTA Coffee Morning – 10am

17th July – Sports Day (*except Robins, Owls, Badgers*)

19th July – 1.30pm End of Summer term

Wednesday 4th September – beginning of the
Autumn Term

1st December – Gosden Christmas Craft Fair

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Free School Meal Vouchers

Advice and Information for Sleeping

Uniform Ordering cut off date

Littlehampton Beach Trip

Summer Safety Tips for Families

Mini Sports Day

Primary Summer Reading Challenge

School Lunches

PTA Future Events

KS4 Vocational Options



We are very excited to share that **Naomi Hughes**, **Steph Wiedemann** and **Kieran Wilson** have all successfully completed the Early Career Teacher programme. This has meant additional work for them over the past two years, alongside their teaching role and so we are delighted to recognise their award. We look forward to their continued enthusiasm and energy within school.

We are not only saying goodbye to **Cindy** and **Angus** but also a few Learning Assistants who are leaving us to pursue their studies in education.

This term sees us saying farewell and good luck to **Annie** from KS3 who has left to get married and then going to start her teaching training.

Emma in Robins, who's moving to New York to be with her partner.

Phoebe in Rabbits is off to do her PGCE at Liverpool Uni. **Hannah** in Owls, is off to study at Coventry Uni and **Gabby** in KS4, is leaving Gosden to do her teacher training. We hope that your studies go well!

Next term we welcome **Rebecca** as our new Head Teacher. **Harmony** has come back to us as a Learning Assistant, and **Elise** will be starting as our new Drama Teacher.



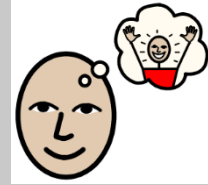
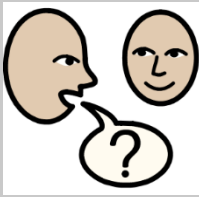
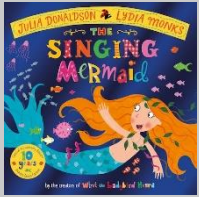
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This half term Owl Class have enjoyed carrying out a variety of Science experiments focused on solids and liquids. They have used their Learning Habits of, **Exploring**, **Noticing** and **Asking Questions**.

Our topic this term was the Seaside which is very apt as we are going to West Wittering next week on our trip. We have shared a classic children's book by the brilliant Julia Donaldson with a seaside theme, including, Sharing a Shell and The Singing Mermaid.



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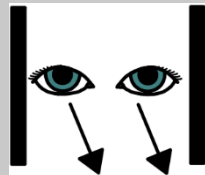


We have spent a number of mornings at Forest School and have loved exploring with all of our friends and teachers. We have learnt about summer fruits that grow in England, we tried a variety of them and even discovered a number of them growing in our school grounds.

Owls Class have also created wonderful turtle oil pastel art, we used our learning habit of challenge and being creative to do this. We all loved Gosfest and were very proud of our performance.

Topic: Seaside

This half-term, Rabbits have been using their '**Noticing**', '**Exploring**', and '**Learning Together**' Habits to learn all about the Seaside! Some highlights in Literacy include; using their phonics knowledge to read and write new seaside vocabulary, engaging in seaside role-play, and consolidating their understanding and application of Colourful Semantics to retell the story of 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. Rabbits have particularly enjoyed learning about beach safety in our Creative and Curious lessons, and were mesmerised by Google Earth to spot the sea, land and beach on the interactive whiteboard.



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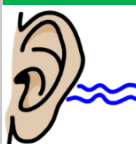
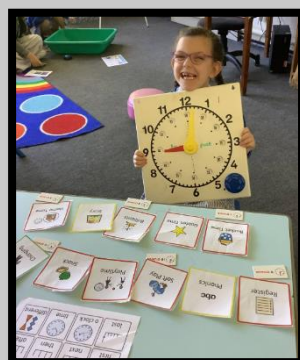


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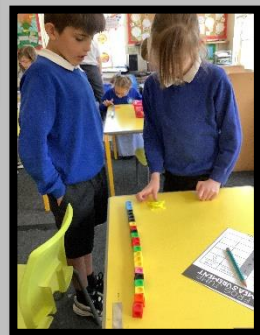
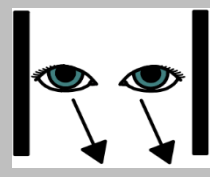
Rabbits have demonstrated fantastic use of their '**Listening**', '**Keep Trying**' and '**Challenge**' Learning Habits in Numeracy to delve into the topics of; Place Value, Time, and Capacity. They have engaged in learning such as a hunt for clocks around the school, turn-taking in capacity competitions, and seaside-themed number sense practice! Rabbits have absolutely loved learning outdoors and particularly enjoyed exploration of Capacity in the Courtyard using rice, water beads, sand, and water.



We are so proud of Rabbits for their enthusiastic effort and hard-work this academic year. They did just fantastic in our EY/KS1 Sports Day and sang beautifully for our Creative Arts Gosfest Celebration! Rabbits Class are so excited for the Summer Holidays for a well-deserved rest ... only 1 more week so go!

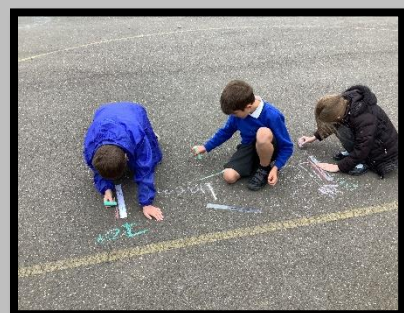


In Fox Class this half term, we have had lots of fun learning about the measurement of length. We used different non-standard units, including measuring frog jumps with cubes. We then moved on to standard units and measured using metres and centimetres. We all agreed that our '**Noticing**' Learning Habit was important to ensure our rulers and metre sticks were correctly positioned.



FOXES

Over this past week, we started the Maths topic 'Capacity'. We had a fantastic outdoor session with Nicola using our '**Exploring**' learning habit. We learnt about the vocabulary associated with capacity, including; full, nearly full, half full and empty. We used different mini containers to fill larger containers, estimating the quantities first and then counting the actual amount.





F O X E S

Our Creative and Curious topic this half term is 'Blue Planet' and we have been focusing on places where water is found. Nicola took us pond-dipping where we discovered lots of amazing water creatures. We used our learning habit '**Asking Questions**' as we tried to find out the names of the different pond life. We also created our own ponds by following a 'Pond Recipe' with the ingredients gravel, a variety of pond plants and water.



Last week, we celebrated the end of the school year with a trip to West Wittering beach. The sun shone as we paddled in the sea, built sandcastles, and cooled off with ice lollies. A perfect day!



Well done Gosden Gardeners!

We have been awarded Gold again!! The judges loved seeing all of your beds, full of flowers and vegetables. Big shout out to Leo for his onions!

'We are delighted to inform you that Gosden House won another Gold Medal and also the prize for Best Vegetable Growers.'

We would love to arrange a time and date when we can come to the School to present the Award. We hope this would be at a school assembly. We hope The Mayor can come too.

Congratulations. Etta and Emily are brilliant school garden champions and we are thrilled the School has won this award.'

Guildford in Bloom Judges



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This term Year 7 went to Marwell Zoo as part of our topic - learning about climate change and thinking about how animals are affected. We walked many steps trying to capture a glimpse of the tiger, the snow leopard and the red panda.

Some of us were more fortunate to see them than others but we all enjoyed learning about their habitats and how some animals have become endangered due to climate change and humans.



I loved all of it!
Esmee

I really liked seeing the giraffes. They kept looking at us. Donna

I saw the meerkats and the penguins.
Sophie





I have nothing new and exciting to report in my blog this time as we begin winding down for the summer – a hot, sizzling sunshiny summer, fingers crossed!

I do want to say a big thank you to the students, parents and carers this year as I have continued on my Aspiration Advisers journey ... it is beginning to change into a “Careers Leader” journey now after I completed a course earlier this year.

I will continue to post things as I come across them, especially important college open events at the start of the new academic year.

For now have a lovely summer break and look forward to catching up again in September!



WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the following students for completing their 'Gosden Toolbox' and successfully collecting 10 'Life Tools'.

Developing these 'Life Tools' will help them now and also prepare them for their exciting future pathways.

Year 7W
Bethany

Year 8
Kevin
Jack
Louisa
Owen

Year 7S
Alex

Year 9
Daisy



What's on this Summer?

- [Space Adventure Holiday Club](#) at St Peters Shared Church, Guildford | Tuesday 20th August - Friday 23rd August | £8 per child for children from Reception to year 5.
- [SENDsory play](#) at Guildford Family Centre, Hazel Avenue every Monday morning. For children age 5 and under. No need to book, siblings welcome!
- [Elysian](#)- Animal assisted learning and provision, are offering a number of summer programmes in Guildford for children and young people with a range of needs.
- [YMCA East Surrey](#) are also running holiday clubs throughout the summer in Redhill.
- [Parasports](#) provide inclusive holiday camps for children with additional needs in Farnham.
- [Send Dance Abilities](#) are providing SEND dance classes during the holidays and also run summer workshops.
- [Sparklers](#) have released their SEND summer holiday playgroup dates for children 0-13years in Farnham.
- [Active Surrey's- Club4 programme](#) webpage provides a Map displaying their SEND specific holiday clubs across Surrey.
- [Linkable](#) Stay and play sessions for children up to age 12 are free during July in Woking.
- [Surrey Heath Museum](#) are running a summer of children's school holiday workshops all about dinosaurs at £4 per child! For more information and booking details please call the museum on 01276 23771 or email museum@surreyheath.gov.uk

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For any concerns or support, please do contact Beth Sutton, Child and Family Support Worker (Mon-Fri) or Jane Cowles, Pastoral Assistant (Mon-Weds) at

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You can reach us at 07864 721931 or by phoning the school on 01483 892008.

<https://www.gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/our-pastoral-support/>



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COFFEE MORNING



Please join us for the
final coffee morning
of this term.



10am – 11.30am
In the Hall



Sign in at Reception



Speech & Language Therapy Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 8th July 2024

(Theme: GosFest)

This week's champions are:

★ Gareth & Isaac – Owls Class ★



Speech & Language Therapy
Team

☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week w/c 15th January 2024
(Theme: Animals)



This week's champions are:

☆ Freddie & George – Robins Class ☆



crab



Fingers and thumbs
open and close



dolphin



jellyfish



Hand quivers and
moves to the left



shark





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